

LIBERTY CALL

A Fabulous Fourth

*Sailors, families
celebrate
Independence Day
at Pearl Harbor
block party*

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted it's annual Forth of July block party Sunday on Pearl Harbor Blvd. Sailors and their families celebrated their Independence Day with live entertainment, games and a spectacular fireworks display.

There were activities for kids of all ages. Young children flocked to the petting zoo to pet baby chicks, rabbits, a cow, a pony and baby goats. A bounce house for keiki's was a favorite. Uncle Sam was also a favorite, making balloon animals for children and handing out free American flags. McGruff the Crime Dog was on hand to meet with fans of all ages and talk about safety.

Music lovers had plenty to cheer about. The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band played a variety of pop music, followed by Kamalamalama, a Hawaiian/Country Band. Modern swing music was a favorite as the Swingwood Review performed. Roloando Sanchez picked up the pace with their line-up of salsa. Even country music fans were appeased when Warren Johnson & the Gator Creek Band took the stage.

A bungee run, a giant slide, an obstacle course and the Climber's Paradise Rock Wall were available to all adventure seeking spectators. Carnival games booths were scattered up and down Pearl Harbor Blvd., while Lamborghini's, Ferrari's and other fast cars attracted crowds outside the Mini-Mart.

The crowd listened as Guido Salmaggito sang a moving rendition of our national anthem, which set of the aerial fireworks spectacular. Crowds "oohed" and "aahed" at the spectacular display that lit the entire harbor.

The show wasn't over then as Sailors and guests enjoyed live music until nearly eleven o'clock that night.

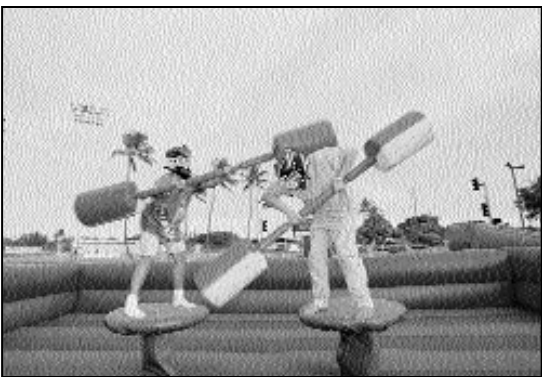


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The highlight of the evening's festivities was the aerial fireworks display over Pearl Harbor. Crowds watched in awe as the spectacular display lit up the harbor.



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The Naval Station Fourth of July Block Party, sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, boasted fun and entertainment for the whole family, including a petting zoo (far left), games such as a bungee run, obstacle course and jousting (left) and live entertainment. The musical entertainment, from such groups as Tsunami, the Pacific Fleet show band, Kamalamalama, and Warren Johnson and the Gator Creek Band had folks dancing in the street (below).



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